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SUMMARY: AT STATE HOUSE LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA AUGUST 2 PRESIDENT KAUNDA CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF SWAPO 100 1/2 PERCENT. KAUNDA DESCRIBED SWAPO AS A STABLE ORGANIZATION WHOSE RECENT PROBLEMS WERE RESULT OF WELL COORDINATED, WELL FINANCED CONSPIRACY MOUNTED BY SOUTH AFRICA AND WEST GERMANY (REFTELS A AND B). SWAPO MUST FIGHT BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA HAS REFUSED TO REASON WITH THEM, AND FIGHT WILL BE ONE SOUTH AFRICA CANNOT WIN. NUJOMA PASSED OUT TO PRESS AUGUST 2 A STATEMENT AND 20 POINT DECLARATION OF THE SWAPO CENTRAL COMMITTEE ADOPTED AT ITS JULY 28 - AUGUST 1 MEETING. END SUMMARY

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1. FOLLOWING A JULY 28 - AUGUST 1 MEETING OF SWAPO CENTRAL

COMMITTEE, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMANDERS OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY OF NAMIBIA (PLAN) AND SWAPO FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES, PRESIDENT KAUNDA HOSTED LUNCHEON AUGUST 2 AT STATE HOUSE IN HONOR OF SWAPO HEAD, SAM NUJOMA. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 2 PRESS ACCOUNTS, KAUNDA PLEDGED ZAMBIA'S FULL SUPPORT TO SWAPO AND PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. POINTING OUT THAT SWAPO MUST FIGHT BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA HAD REFUSED TO REASON WITH THEM, KAUNDA PREDICED MORE SUCCESSES FOR SWAPO BECAUSE OF JUSTNESS AND RIGHTNESS OF ITS CAUSE. DESCRIBING SWAPO AS A STABLE ORGANIZATION, KAUNDA ATTRIBUTED THEIR RECENT INTERNAL PROBLEMS (REFTEL B) TO A WELL COORDINATED, WELL FINANCED CONSPIRACY BY SOUTH AFRICA AND WEST GERMANY. HOWEVER, KAUNDA WARNED SWAPO AGAINST CREATING DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

2. AUGUST 2 SAM NUJOMA PROVIDED LOCAL PRESS WITH TWO PART HANDOUT, A STATEMENT AND A 20 POINT DECLARATION OF THE SWAPO CENTRAL COMMITTEE ADOPTED AT ITS MEETING JULY 28 - AUGUST 1. THRUST OF STATEMENT IS THAT SWAPO WAS SUCCESSFUL IN DEFEATING SOUTH AFRICAN-WEST GERMAN CONSPIRACY DESIGNED TO CONFUSE AND DEMORALIZE SWAPO POLITICAL AND MILITARY CADRES (REFTEL A) FOLLOWING WHICH AGENTS OF CONSPIRACY WOULD HAVE RETURNED TO TURNHALLE TRIBAL TALKS. STATEMENT ALSO DENIES SPLITS WITHIN SWAPO EXISTS AND PROMISES EARLY RELEASE OF REVISED CONSTITUTION, NEW POLITICAL PROGRAM AND DESCRIPTION OF STREAMLINED ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY ADOPTED AT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING. IN 20 POINT DECLARATION SWAPO REITERATED STANDARD LINE THAT ONLY SWAPO AND OCCUPYING POWER CAN EFFECT CHANGE IN NAMIBIA. ENDORSED RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF MAY 27-29 SWAPO WALVIS BAY CONCLAVE. DECLARED SWAPO'S REVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY WITH ALL FRATERNAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA, E.G. ZIMBABWE, WEST SAHARA POLISARIO, AND PLO AND THANKED UN, NORDIC COUNTRIES, SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRESSIVE CHURCHES AND GROUPS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA FOR THEIR SUPPORT. NUJOMA'S STATEMENT AND SWAPO DECLARATION DID NOT APPEAR IN LOCAL PRESS AUGUST 3. FULL TEXTS BEING POUCHED AF/E.

3. COMMENT: KAUNDA'S PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF SWAPO AND ITS LEADERSHIP MAKES CLEAR AT LEAST FOR NOW THAT SWAPO IS ZAMBIA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHOSEN INSTRUMENT IN THE NAMIBIA LIBERATION STRUGGLE. IT COULD BE THAT KAUNDA'S WHOLEHEARTED ENDORSEMENT PARTIALLY DESIGNED TO CATCH NUJOMA AND SWAPO IN AN EMBRACE SO WARM THAT TEMPTATION TO LOCATE HEADQUARTERS ELSEWHERE (LUANDA?) WILL BE RESISTED. CLINGERMAN

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